

Edward Livingston to Andrew Jackson, April 20, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

New Orleans, April 20, 1815.

D'r General, By the time this reaches you, you will be enjoying some repose after the fatigues of travelling and of feasting, a repose they do not intend you shall long enjoy for we are this Day informed that you and Brown are designated as the two Major Genls. to be retained in Command, this is as it should be, tho perhaps not exactly what suits your wish of retirement. 1

1 By the new arrangements for the peace-time army, announced May 17, Jacob Brown and Jackson were to be major-generals, Brown to command the northern district, with Ripley and Macomb as brigadiers, Jackson the southern, with Scott and Gaines as brigadiers.

We are settling down fast into our usual pursuits and occupations, and the little knot of your envious enemies are sinking into the contempt they merit. the J—s 2 flat publication has been sent to you. it Did not produce the slightest sensation and the G—r 3 fires in every other paper a little signal of Distress but from so pitiful a pop-gun that it attracts nobodys attention. he has been feasted by his body guard and one of them sung a song set to vile metre in which they tell him he would have Done as much as you did—if he Could.

2 Judge's (Judge Hall's).

3 Governor (Claiborne).

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I have just recd. from Majr. Reed the notes you were so good as to furnish. I shall want some points Elucidated on which I shall write by next Mail, in the Mean time beg him to send me without Delay a Copy of his, and of Major Tatoms Journal of the Creek War, 4 and the Date of your being joined by Coffee at Mobile.

4 Major Howell Tatum's Journal was published by Professor Bassett in *Smith College Studies in History* , VII.

Mrs. Livingston begs me to Assure your Ladies how sincerely she laments their Departure a sentiment in which she is joined by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. If in this new arrangement of the army Peire 5 can be retained I believe it would be extremely acceptable to him. Do me the favor to remember me with great friendship to Col. Butler, Major Tatom and Reed. Genl. Gaines leaves us in a few Days and the Command devolves on Colonel Ross.

5 Maj. Henry D. Peire of Louisiana and of the 44th Infantry.

Believe me D'r Genl. to be with the sincerest Attachment and Respect,

Your Mo. Obedt. Svt.